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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

CHASTEEN ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/757,362

Filed: January 8, 2001

Atty. File No.: 1604-373

For: "SMALL OPENING BEVERAGE
END CLOSURE ADAPTED FOR
FRICTIONAL ENGAGEMENT
WITH A STRAW"

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Examiner:

This Amendment and Response is responsive to an Office Action Summary having a mailing date of May 18, 2004. Since this Response is timely filed prior to the 3 month statutory deadline of August 18, 2004, no additional fees are believed due at this time. However, if additional fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the specification as follows:

) Group Art Unit: 3727

) Examiner: Robin A. Hylton

) AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

